

KILLED THEM FOR MONEY

The Goodwin Murderers Captured—
A Confession.

The Plot Laid at Goodwin's Own
Fireplace While the Murderers
Were Enjoying His Hospi-
tality—Bold Attempt at
Robbery Frustrated.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 11.—On Wednesday one week ago Mr. Stephen Goodwin, a wealthy stock raiser, was found dead in his bed with his head crushed. Mrs. Gregory, his housekeeper, was lying dead on another bed with a fracture in her temple, and Dick Gregory, her son, was found lying dead from a similar wound. There was no sign of robbery. A vigorous pursuit was determined upon. There was but one clue, and that was to follow buggy wheel tracks which led along the banks of the Flint River southward. A Doctor Faircloth, who had been out professionally during the night, declared that he had met a buggy and that its occupants were Moses Keaton, his wife and child. The pursuing party pushed the chase through swamp and morass. Sheriff Burkett, of Decatur County, joined in the pursuit and it was decided to bring in the aid of dogs to keep the scent. On the Georgia line and through Florida this trail was followed until just outside of this city the hounds suddenly came to a stand, and a colored woman, babe in arms, stood terrified and unable to move. A little way into a clump of bushes was seen a colored man, who was recognized as Moses Keaton, the murderer. On the return trip Keaton fully confessed the crime. He implicated others, and said that robbery was the cause of the horrible deed. A noise gave the murderers the idea they would be caught, when Keaton sought safety in flight and did not secure one cent of the booty. It is doubtful if Keaton will be allowed to reach a trial, so outraged are the people at his crime.

A confession made by the wife of Joseph Keaton, alias Bill Jackson, is as follows: About 11 o'clock on the night of December 2, Moses Keaton, alias Jackson, and wife and another negro named Pete, went to Goodwin's house for the purpose of robbing him. The woman protested, but her husband drew a knife and told her if she did not stand at the gate of the front yard and give warning of an approach he would kill her. The men then attempted to force an entrance, but alarmed Mr. Goodwin, who called to know who it was. He was answered by Moses, who said: "It's me, Mr. Goodwin, me and Pete. We've been out possum hunting and got cold and thought we would come by and see if your fire had gone out." Mr. Goodwin opened the door and let them into the room to the fire and went to bed again, but instead of remaining awake to let them out again, he went to sleep and by his own fire they plotted his murder. A knife and an ax were used to do the execution. Goodwin was dispatched first and then Richard Gregory. Both were murdered while asleep, but when the negroes came to Mrs. Gregory, she awoke and a struggle ensued. Mrs. Gregory begged for her life, but finding the fiends remorseless, she fought for it. Her struggles were useless, however, and soon she was a mangled corpse at the feet of the murderers. Her body was so bruised and lacerated with knife and ax as to be almost beyond recognition. The murderers searched for booty, but no money being found, they left the house covered with blood to join the woman outside and then went to the lot and took their horses and buggy, Moses saying there would be "a time" in the morning when the bodies were discovered. Remonstrated with by his wife he ordered her to be silent and said he would do the same thing over again.

Moses' accomplice, Pete, is still at large. Moses is not aware that his wife has made a confession. He is a young black negro, aged about twenty, and an ordinary field hand. He manifests indifference, but when he arrives at the scene of his crime it is not probable he will be allowed much time for repentance.

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DAGGETT, Cal., Dec. 11.—A mob of twenty men this morning surrounded the officers in charge of Leon Narthing and William White, alias William Pitts, charged with having clubbed Joseph O. Harris to death with a wagon spoke on the night of the 5th inst. The mob told the officers to keep quiet and there would be no fuss. They then marched Pitts to the outskirts of the town, put a rope around his neck and hanged him to a cross-arm of a telegraph pole. Pitts died in a few minutes. He was a deserter from the United States Army, having enlisted under the name of William H. White in the Second Cavalry, stationed at Fort Ellis, Montana. Narthing, the other prisoner, was told to leave the country.

BOLD ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY FRUSTRATED.

WACO, Tex., Dec. 11.—A bold attempt at robbery Monday night was frustrated by a mere chance. About midnight two men drove up to the residence of L. B. Black, cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, and informed him that William Cameron, the President of the bank, was very ill and desired to see him at once. While Black returned to his room to prepare himself for the visit, the men drove on a few doors and called upon William Grider, the teller of the bank, and told him the same story. It was arranged that Black and Grider should both accompany the men to the President's house. Grider appeared first, and was about to enter the carriage when he noticed that the man occupying the seat had his face partially concealed behind a handkerchief. Grider stepped back and pretended to know who the man was, and then demanded to know who the man was. The robbers became alarmed and drove rapidly away. Evidence was found yesterday that an attempt to rob the bank had been planned. President Cameron was not sick. The scheme was to get the cashier and teller in the carriage and force them to give up the combination of the safe. Four suspicious characters have been arrested. Grider thinks he identifies two of the men.

Suicide at Eighty.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Black, aged eighty, a resident of Bloomington, a suburb of this city, committed suicide last night by throwing herself in a cistern filled with water. She arose from her bed and went out of doors. The family became alarmed at her absence and went in search of her and found her in the cistern dead. No cause is assigned.

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